

A N A N S V V E R

To a Case Stiled, the Case of RENE SABRAN, an Infant.



IR Thomas Lake had Issue, *Sir Thomas Lake*, *Sir Arthur Lake*, and *Sir Lancelet Lake*, and being seized in Fee of divers Mannors and Lands, did settle the Mannor of *Cannons* and other Lands in *Middlesex* upon himselfe for life, after to *Mary* his Wife for life, after her death upon *Sir Thomas*, the Son and Heirs of his body: And for default of such Issue upon *Sir Arthur* and the Heirs of his body, and for default of such Issue upon *Sir Lancelet* and the Heirs of his body.

He settled the Mannor of *Thurrocks* and other Lands to the value mentioned in the case upon himselfe for life, then to *Mary* his Wife for life, after her death to *Sir Arthur Lake*, and the Heirs Male of his body: And for default of such Issue, to *Sir Lancelet Lake* and the Heirs male of his body: And the Rectories of *Castle Martin* and *Marlos* upon himselfe for life, then to *Sir Arthur Lake* and the Heirs of his body: And for default of such Issue upon *Sir Lancelet Lake* and the Heirs of his body.

In September 1630, *Sir Thomas* the Father dyed, and on the 15 of December 1633, *Sir Arthur* dyed, Dame *Mary* the Mother living untill 1641, so that *Sir Arthur Lake* was never seized of the land mentioned in the case, nor had any power to cut off the Intayl from *Sir Lancelet Lake*.

Some three dayes before *Sir Arthur Lake* dyed he made his Will, and devised the moyety of his land and real Estate to *Sir Lancelet Lake*, the other moyety to *Mary* his Daughter, and desired his Brother *Sir Lancelet Lake* to pay his Debts, *Sir Lancelet Lake* demanded what they were, and was informed about 700 pound, as was afterwards proved in Chancery by three witnesses. Then he desired *Sir Lancelet Lake* that his Daughter *Mary* might have the said Rectories, and 1600, l. in mony in lieu and place of the devision of land and real Estate mentioned in the said *Sir Arthurs* Will, which *Sir Lancelet Lake* consented to, not knowing how the land was settled.

Sir Arthur Lake being dead, his Debts appeared to be 2700. pound, whereof *Sir Lancelet Lake* payed above 900. pound, and payd the 1600 pound to *Mary* the Daughter, yet had no benefit of the pretended devision of land mentioned in the Will, the land being Intayled as aforesaid.

Mary the Daughter married unto *Melchior Sabran* a Roman Catholique of *France*, by whom she had Issue *René Sabran* born in *France* the party named in the Bill.

1655, *Mary Sabran* dyed; and 1656 *Sabran* the Father brought over his Son, being recommended by *Carnall Mazarin* to *Cromwell*, who made him a Denizen by his Letters Patents, dated in July 1656. and calling Parliament in September following, recommended him by *Strickland* one of his Privy Council to the Parliament to be naturalized, upon whose motion it was referred to a Committee, who upon hearing of the case, voted he was not a fit person to be naturalized. Four moneths after he petitioned that Parliament to be naturalized, but he was rejected.

Sir Lancelet Lake being advised by his Council that the said Rectories were his by vertue of the Entayle aforesaid, *Sabran* having no Inheritable blood in him, sealed a Lease of Ejectment, and upon a Tryal at *Hewes* had a Verdict, and after Judgment and possession of the said Rectories, so that *Sabran* was outed by due course of Law.

The last Parliament a Bill was sent down from the House of Lords for the naturalizing of *Sabran*, but upon consideration had of the Case, and the Statute of 7. Jac. the Bill was not suffered to be read in the House of Commons.

It is humbly offered to the consideration of the Honourable House that *Sir Lancelet Lake* had no benefit by the will of *Sir Arthur Lake*, yet paid above 1900 l. for his debts, and 1600 l. for his Daughters portion, which was more then the Rectories were worth, being but 150. l. per annum.

That no Act ever past to naturalize an Alien the son of an Alien living under a forrain allegiance;

That no Act of naturalizing ever past with a Retrospect to divest an Estate settled by Law.